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MEASUREMENT.	SUN.	SUN.	Moon.	High water.
	rises	sets	rises	
SATURDAY,	6 25	5 35	2	7 2 54
SUNDAY,	6 23	5 37	3	3 51
MONDAY,	6 22	5 38	3	66 4 50
TUESDAY,	6 20	5 40	4	4 5 40
WEDNESDAY,	6 19	5 41	5	21 6 31
THURSDAY,	6 17	5 43	rises	7 20
FRIDAY,	6 16	5 44	6	42 8

FULL MOON 8th day, 7th hour, 3 m. evening.

POST OFFICE Arrangement.

MAILS CLOSE.

PROVIDENCE,	DAILY,	8 1/2 A. M.
BOSTON,	do	8 A. M.
FALL RIVER,	do	8 A. M.
NEW YORK,	do 8 1/2 A. M. & 7 P. M.	
WATERSIDE, Tuesdays and Fridays,	6 A. M.	
NEW SHORHAM, Fridays,	8 A. M.	
Office open till 7 P. M.		
JOSEPH JOSLEIN, Post Master.		

Court of Probate of the town of Newport, Clerk's Office, February 16, 1849.

An instrument in writing, dated April 24, 1842, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of ASA SILAW, late of Newport, deceased, is presented for Probate and for letters testamentary to issue thereon, with request that the consideration thereof may be had at a Court of Probate to be held at the Clerk's Office of said Court in Newport, on Monday the 12th day of March next, at two o'clock, P. M., and that notice thereof be given for 3 successive weeks in the *Newport Mercury*, that all persons interested, may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any, why said Will should not be proved, and letters testamentary issued to George C. Shaw, the Executor thereinafter named.

B. B. HOWLAND, Probate Clerk.

Court of Probate of the Town of Newport, helden February 15, 1849.

GEORGE TURNER, Esq., comes and makes application in behalf of the maternal heirs of ELIZABETH N. BANISTER.

late of Newport, widow, dec., for an order of distribution of the moiety of the estate testate of said Elizabeth N. Banister, in the hands of the Executor, coming to the maternal heirs of said

same, read, received and referred for consideration to a Court of Probate to be held at the Town Hall in Newport, on the first Monday in March next, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and notice is ordered to be given thereof for three successive weeks in the *Newport Mercury*, that all persons interested may appear at said time and place, and be heard.

B. B. HOWLAND, Probate Clerk.

At a Court of Probate of the Town of Newport helden February 5, 1849.

PETER P. REMINGTON, guardian of JOHN B. CLARK, of Newport, (a person of full age,) presents his guardianship account on his estate for allowance.

The same is read, received and referred for consideration to a Court of Probate to be held at the Town Hall in Newport, on the first Monday in March next, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and notice is ordered to be given thereof by advertisement for 3 successive weeks in the *Newport Mercury*, that all persons interested may appear at said time and place, and be heard.

B. B. HOWLAND, Probate Clerk.

Court of Probate, of Newport, helden Feb. 5, 1849.

UPON the petition of P. P. Remington, guardian of John B. Clarke, of Newport, (a person of full age) representing that the personal estate of his said ward, is insufficient by the sum of sixty-eight dollars and forty-one cents, to pay the debts and court expenses of said Clarke, and praying that he may be authorized and empowered in his said capacity of guardian to sell at public auction, all the right, title and interest of his said ward, in and to a lot of land in the South part of the town of Newport, bounded Southerly on Perry street, Easterly on land of Charles E. Hammett, Northerly on land of N. B. Hammett and the late N. S. Ruggles, and Westerly on land of John Spooner, W. Mansfield, and others; or so much thereof as will be sufficient to realize sum with incidental expenses.

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B. B. HOWLAND, Probate Clerk.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

THE subscriber having been appointed Administrator on the estate of

JACOB SHERMAN,

late of Middletown, dec., and having qualified all persons having claims against said estate, to present the same for settlement, and also all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment to

ISAAC A. SHERMAN, Adm'r.

Middletown, Feb. 15, 1849.

FOR THREE WEEKS,

From the first day of February 1849.

JAMES HAMMOND,

WILL SELL AT AUCTION PRICES, (cost

plus 10 per cent,) for CASH, his present stock of Dry Goods, Books and Paper Hangings.

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NEWPORT, R. I.

True copy—witness:

HENRY BOWEN, Sec'y.

AN ACT in amendment of an act entitled

"An Act to regulate the Militia."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Section 1. So much of said act as relates to the assessment, collection and distribution of the military commutation tax, to wit, the fifth, sixth and seventh sections thereof, and so much of the seventeenth section as follows the two first sentences of said section: and the act entitled "An act to amend the several acts relating to the militia," passed at the June session, A. D. 1848, are hereby repealed. Provided, nevertheless, that any commutation tax already assessed, shall be collected and the proceeds of any such tax already collected or that may be collected, shall be appropriated in the same manner as if this act had not been passed.

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THIRTIETH CONGRESS
SECOND SESSION.

BY THE MAILS.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 23.
SENATE.—A joint resolution was adopted, in favor of giving a certain portion of bounty land to those persons who served as substitutes during the late war with Mexico.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill making appropriations for the Civil and Diplomatic expenses of the Government for the ensuing fiscal year.

Messrs. Dayton, Webster, and others occupied the whole day in discussing the New Mexico and California Territorial bill.

House.—On motion, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and took up the bill for the support of the Post Office Department.

Mr. Turner of Ill., made a short speech, and was followed by Messrs. McDowell, Putnam and Mann, after which, the Committee rose, and the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Feb. 24.

SENATE.—Mr. Fitzpatrick offered a joint resolution conferring upon Gen. Scott, Brevet Lieutenant General, for his gallant conduct in Mexico, which was read.

The General Appropriation Bill was taken up, and discussed until adjournment.

House.—In Committee of the Whole the Post Office Bill was taken up and discussed. The bill was finally passed.

The Senate bill allowing for the subsistence and pay of certain Arkansas and other volunteers, was passed. Adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Feb. 26.

SENATE.—The bill making certain regulations respecting the Pay Department of the Army, was taken up, and after being somewhat amended, passed.

The bill allowing a compensation to the Register and Receivers employed in locating Bounty Land Warrants, was passed.

The Civil and Diplomatic Appropriation Bill, was taken up and discussed.

The bill for a temporary government in the territory of California and New Mexico was taken up. A lengthy discussion ensued after which several amendments were adopted.

The Territorial bill was taken up and discussed until adjournment.

House.—No business of importance was transacted. The California bill was taken up and discussed until adjournment.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 27.

SENATE.—A resolution was adopted that a Committee be appointed to make arrangements for the reception of President Taylor and Vice President Fillmore, on the 5th of March.

The bill regulating the pensions of officers, seamen and soldiers, disabled in the public service, was passed.

The Civil and Diplomatic Appropriation bill came up. Various amendments were adopted.

House.—The California Bill was taken up in Committee of the Whole. Sundry amendments were offered and briefly discussed. The bill then passed, —yeas 126, nays 86.

The House then took up, for consideration, the bill for the establishment of a Branch Mint at California. Laid aside.

The House then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Cranston, of R. I., in the chair, and took up the bill making provision for the government of the territory of New Mexico. A long discussion ensued, when, on motion, the Committee rose and the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Feb. 28.

SENATE.—The President communicated a list of all treaties and navigation laws with foreign countries, also a list of all proclamations having force of treaties, —2000 copies were ordered to be printed.

The bill from the House, on the territorial government of California, was referred to the Committee on Territories.

The Civil and Diplomatic Appropriation Bill was taken up. Some amendments were adopted. If the telegraphic report is understood, the bill passed, by yeas 25, nays 18, with the amendment of Mr. Walker, directing the President to establish a government in California.

House.—A resolution was adopted, declaring it inexpedient to take any action, at the present session, in relation to stopping Sunday mails.

Mr. Haralson of Ga., from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a draft of a tariff based on the principles of the tariff of 1842. Mr. Nicholl, from the minority, made a report upon the same subject. Both were ordered to be printed.

Several Senate bills were passed, including the Minnesota Territorial bill.

The bill for commissioners to run the Mexican boundary line came up. Mr. T. Smith, by direction of the Foreign Relations Committee submitted a substitute.

A debate ensued.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, March 1.

SENATE.—Mr. Greene, of R. I. offered a series of resolutions adopted by the Legislature of his State, upon the subject of slaves, &c. Ordered printed.

Mr. Greene also presented some resolutions passed by the same Legislature, against flogging in the navy. He spoke upon the subject, and expressed his opinion against abolishing whipping. The resolutions were ordered to be printed.

A resolution for distributing copies of the American archives among literary institutions in the different States, was passed.

A bill providing for the payment of horses lost in the military service of the United States was passed.

A bill for the settlement of claims of New Hampshire against the United States was discussed and passed.

The Naval Pension Bill came up, was debated, and passed. The Senate then went into Executive session.

House.—In Committee of the Whole the Indian Appropriation bill was taken up. [No further proceedings received.]

THE BUTLER DIVORCE CASE IN ENGLAND.—In commenting upon the difficulties between Mrs. Butler and her husband the London Spectator holds the following language:—

"On the first blush, there is something anomalous in the case; Mr. Butler appears to be the one who has most manifestly offended against the matrimonial law, yet he is the party seeking divorce; Mrs. Butler represents herself as the injured wife, yet she resists divorce. It is very affecting and saddening to see a wife complain of her husband's utter estrangement, while she avows 'unalterable love.' 'I cannot be hold you' she says, 'without emotion, my heart still answers to your voice, my blood in my veins to your footsteps.' Abandoned by her husband, recalling him to the memory of her entire affection, he does not allege that she had diverted her affection to other objects; she remains without solace. But means more absolutely inept to recall the affection of such a man as she describes, cannot be devised, than those which she relates on her own part. In the domestic tragedy, she appears, from her own account, to have borne herself with conscious superiority, to have addressed a calous heart perpetually with dramatic and impassioned appeals, and to have mingled those appeals, so mortifying and embarrassing to him, with squabbles about children's shoes and his manners, thus exposing herself to be crossed, whistled at, and placed in the most humiliating positions before all sorts of people.

Having stopped his wife's allowance, living apart, his object in suing for divorce can only be to bar her claims on his purse. Unable to share her husband's home Mrs. Butler professes to resist her divorce because it will damage her reputation, as it certainly would damage the only claims in which she persevered—demands for money. To such a point was the humiliating contest reduced! Whatever the issue of the law, it seems incapable of providing a true remedy for the evil on either side. If Mr. Butler succeeds in obtaining a divorce on the plea of separation which he has compelled and sanctioned, it will violate every sense of justice; yet if he fails, the loss seems worse to his wife.

REMARKABLE CASE OF RECOVERY FROM INSANITY.—We learn that a man who has for the last forty years been confined, as a raving maniac, in the Poor House at Newton, has been suddenly restored to his reason. He has been regarded as incurable; and for a great part of the time during his confinement, he has been so violent as to render it necessary to chain him. Now he is clothed and in his right mind—appearing like one awakened from a long sleep, and remembering distinctly events which occurred previous to the loss of his reason, but nothing that has transpired during the long years of his confinement. *Boston Traveller.*

HEROIC CONDUCT OF A BOY.—On Thursday afternoon, a boy named Doyle or Donavan, was playing upon the ice in the dock at Liverpool wharf, but venturing too far out, fell through into the water. The accident was witnessed by several persons who were standing upon the wharf, but their efforts to save the boy were of no avail. A little fellow some 12 years of age named Michael L. Clark, hearing that a boy was drowning, ran to the wharf, and jumping down upon the ice laid down flat upon it and worked himself backward gradually, so that the drowning boy got hold of his foot, and thus saved him from a watery grave. —*Boston Journal.*

THE DUDLEY MURDER.—Reverend E. Smith, Chaplain of the New Hampshire prison, in a letter to the Mail, corrects some statements in reference to the murder, in Berwick, of Mrs. Dudley, by her husband, styled Rev., and also to an alleged previous ministerial murder in the same place. Mr. Smith says, Dudley has been for years a pest to all religious communities around him; was what is called a 'come outer, or Millerite; but some time previous to the murder, moved into an obscure town and set up as a preacher. He at length succeeded in deceiving two of the ministers of what is called the Christian Denomination, to perform a sort of ceremony of ordination; an act for which I am told, they expressed their regret. I am sure no association or other bodies of ministers, in New Hampshire, would even have acknowledged him as a Christian, less as a minister.'

PERUANUO, Jan. 15th.—Our political affairs are assuming a better aspect in the opinion of the government; but there are many influential men who doubt the possibility of quelling these disturbances for some considerable period. The principal men of the insurgents have gone out to join the forces, which report says amount to 800 or 1000 men, and their object is to establish a republican government.

The Sheriff of Jefferson went to serve an execution on the steamer McKim before she started for Chagres. While he was on board, the plank was hauled off, she backed out into the stream, and took the man of the rock in which it is embedded weighs half a ton. The Professor has added it to the mineralogical and geological cabinet of Harvard College, where, we have no doubt, it will be quite at home with its old acquaintance the Mastodon, obtained by the same gentleman, from New Jersey, a year or two since.

A SMASH.—The splendid chandelier, in Gees Hall, in the Appleton Block, Lowell, fell on Monday night, after the company had retired, and was smashed to atoms. Its weight was 300 or 400 pounds, and the fall was occasioned by the breaking of the rod that sustained it. If it had fallen at an earlier hour it is probable that several lives would have been lost.

The more inflammatory news from El Dorado has made the city crazy to-day. People are getting to be credulous enough to swallow all they see in the newspapers. The thirst for gold is becoming a Delirium Tremendous. What shall it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul! —*Exchange.*

QUICK TRIP.—The ship Noamie, Capt. Holberton, left this port with full cargo for Boston, on the 27th ult. She arrived at her port of destination, discharged her cargo, took in another for this port and reached here yesterday, performing the trip out and back, having full cargoes both ways, in twenty three days. —*Charleston Courier, 21st inst.*

FREEMAN ROSS, an omnibus driver in Cincinnati, was killed in a shocking manner on the 16th inst. He was assured that a gun he was directed to carry to a distance was not loaded, and on this assurance placed the muzzle to his mouth, and opening the hammer of the cap with his foot, endeavored to blow into it. His foot slipping the gun went off. His brains were blown out, and his headless body left a shocking spectacle.

IN THE LIBEL CASE OF D. W. Clarke vs. James Gorton Bennett, of the New York Herald, the jury found a verdict for the defendant. Clarke is a lawyer, and did not like a report of one of his cases which appeared in the Herald.

ESCAPE OF ALLEGED COUNTERFEITERS. In the Middlesex court of common pleas, in session at East Cambridge, Hannibal Bonney, charged with having in his possession large quantities of counterfeit bills, with intent to pass the same, was brought up for trial. His counsel, Mr. Abbott, of Lowell, moved for his discharge on the ground of a flaw in the indictment, in not distinctly setting forth the place of the alleged crime. The court (Judge Perkins) sustained the motion, and ordered the accused to be discharged. Bonney immediately left the court house, got into a gig which was close at hand, and was in a short time at a considerable distance from the authorities of Middlesex county. Bonney was with Selden Brainard when he was arrested in New York for counterfeiting. Willard Strew, who was arrested with Bonney, was also discharged upon the same ground. A man named McFarland, arrested for having counterfeit money was discharged upon his recognizance, there being a similar flaw in the indictment against him.

RIOT AT PORTLAND.—The city authorities of Portland having issued orders against the celebration of Washington's birth day by burning tar barrels in the evening, some boys who had disobeyed the ordinance were arrested and taken to the watch-house. A crowd of some five hundred men marched up and demanded their release in twenty minutes. This not being complied with, the mob proceeded to more active measures. A battering machine in the shape of a stout ladder was procured, and door shutters, sashes and glass were stove in, and the boys were released. Several of the police and watchmen were injured.

The supreme court of Louisiana has decided that the stockholders of a bank whose shares have been reduced to \$50 by act of the legislature are not bound to pay \$100 per share to holders of bills. After notes are once paid into a bank, after the reduction of its capital, they are extinguished, and the obligation of the original stockholders cannot be revived by their reissue, the bank with its reduced capital only being bound by it.

FROM CALIFORNIA.—Capt. Phelps, late of the bark Moscow, has arrived at Boston, and the Traveller has derived from him authentic information of an interesting character touching California. Capt. Phelps has worked at the mines himself. He confirms the reports of gold in abundance, but he contradicts many of the extravagant stories which have been published, evidently invented in this country. He thinks that the diggers who have done best, have not made more than \$3000 each, during the season. But one case of disorder had occurred, and that was punished by Lynch law.

THE AGE OF HUMBUG.—A few days since we received an advertisement of nearly a column, printed copy, from New York, purporting to come from "Signor Don Jose D'Alvar," and the said Signor promised if we would publish it he would send us ten dollars. The instrument advertised was called the "Goldometer, or gold seeker's guide," which Signor Don Jose offered to sell for three dollars, sent post paid to box 2,713, New York post office.

The general merits were set forth in the body of the advertisement, but its powers were limited to the art of finding mines of gold, silver, platinum, quicksilver, coal, iron, copper, lead and other mineral riches. We did not publish anything for Don Jose, but several of our contemporaries did, and of course the bait took. A friend of ours, who wrote to us his correspondent in New York to inquire about the matter, received the following in reply:

"Say to your friend that the 'goldometer' man is a 'heathen of the deepest dye.' He hired the office he refers to in the advertisement, but has never been there since—got no furniture—and the man who owns the building says that if he finds him, he will be tempted to slay him, from the numerous calls he has about these times. As to his box at the post office, a young man in the office says there is a bushel of letters waiting his attention, but that they occasionally disappear. Since writing you by the steamers, I can get no trace of Signor Alvar or his goldometer—and I suspect there can be no doubt of his being a humbug or swindler." —*Savannah Repub.*

MELEE IN A MEETING HOUSE.—An affair of quite a disgraceful character took place on Thursday night in the African Bethel Church, on Saratoga street. It appears that a meeting was being held in the church for the trial of some persons who were charged with appropriating to their own use money collected for the benefit of the Church. The inquiry had progressed so far as the finding guilty of one of the parties charged, when a woman, said to be the wife of the convicted man, made an assault on one of the elders of the Church, named Darius Stokes, striking at him with a weapon with which she had come prepared, being a quantity of nails tied up in the corner of a bag, which she wielded with powerful effect. A brother of Stokes, who interfered, received from the Amazon a blow on the forehead, which prostrated him, and is said to have so severely fractured his skull as to render loss of life not improbable. A general affray then ensued, during which the minister of the Church, the Rev. Mr. Payne, was assaulted, but escaped without serious injury. Some of the parties making their way into the street and raising the cry of murder, the watch entered the building and arrested the parties engaged in the disturbance. They were all committed to appear at the Court by Justice Bordley. —*Baltimore American.*

THE CHOLERA.—We occasionally hear of a death or two among the negroes, and often of mild attacks or strong symptoms of the disease among all classes of our citizens, but it is rarely the case that any white person dies from an attack of this kind. Negroes who have died of the complaint have usually neglected for a day or two, to report themselves sick. The epidemic thus far seems to have groped its way along, from one plantation to another, working in a very mysterious manner and increasing or diminishing in violence according to the state of the weather. It goes to a plantation does its work and passes on. —*Franklin (La.) Banner.*

There was a large fire at Jackson, Miss., on the morning of the 16th, which destroyed nearly ten buildings. Loss \$30,000.

A ONE LEGGED FAMILY.—In Vermont may be seen a man and his three sons, having but one leg each, and that invariably the right one. Nature cuts queer capers sometimes.

FROM WASHINGTON.—General Taylor arrived at Washington last Saturday. He was received by a great crowd, and conducted to his lodgings amidst the cheers of an enthusiastic multitude, cannon firing, bells ringing, fireworks blazing and music sending up triumphant strains.

Mr. Clayton's appointment to the State Department is settled.

Private advices state that ex-Governor Letcher, of Kentucky, will have the Post Office Department.

The Navy Department is in doubt between ex-Gov. Crawford, of Georgia, and Thomas Butler King, of the same State.

The Treasury Department is conceded to New England, and it will be given without doubt, to Mr. Abbott Lawrence.

PRECIOUS STONES.—One of the most distinguished jewellers in this city has, within a few weeks past, set in gold three of the most valuable emeralds ever seen in this country. They were left with him by the wife of Col. Fremont. The emeralds were presented to Mrs. Fremont by Col. Fremont on his last return to the United States. In size and brilliancy, these emeralds will vie with the most gorgeous of those described by the Spanish writers in their chronicles of the wealth of Mexico and Peru at the period of the Spanish conquest.

Those who are at all familiar with those chronicles, know that the Mexican and Peruvian Emperors and nobles, had in their possession an immense number of these stones, some of them surpassing anything that had ever been seen. The Spaniards were never able to learn from whence they were procured, such was the jealousy of the Indians and their power of keeping secrets from the white man.

Traditions confirmed that they were found in the North of Mexico, but no adventurer was able to find their source. How Col. Fremont came by the three we have alluded to, is not for us to say, nor are we at present permitted to name the jeweller entrusted with their setting; but we may say they were not all the emeralds in the possession of the gallant Colonel when he returned.

Several connoisseurs have examined them, and not a few ladies of the upper ten are in a great state of emerald excitement, on their account. Col. Fremont is said to be somewhere near the source of the Gila at this time, and the remarkable haste he made in leaving the United States immediately after his court martial, may have more to do with emeralds than gold. Of one thing we are—[a few months and perhaps weeks, may open up an excitement far transcending gold fever.](#) —*N. Y. Sun.*

SUICIDE.—About 7 o'clock yesterday morning, Mr. John C. Petzoldt, a German in the employ of Messrs. Collis & Lawrence, coach-makers, at the lower part of Cabell streets, blew his brains out in their factory yard, with a pistol. He had been married but about two weeks, during which time, as on some previous occasions, he had exhibited some morbid symptoms which are not accounted for. On leaving home in the morning, he expressed a wish that he was dead, but nothing was suspected of his intention, though it was subsequently evident that he had made deliberate preparations for the event. He placed the pistol under his chin and blew his head to pieces, so that hardly a natural vestige of it remained. It is said to have been a moral and industrious man, about 40 years of age, and had accumulated a handsome little property. —*New Haven Journal.*

EXPLOSION.—Thomas Hall, of Stonington, while engaged in digging a well in Westerly, on Wednesday, was severely if not fatally injured by the premature explosion of a rock, which he was charging with powder in the bottom of the well. He had descended into the well, and it is supposed was tamping the rock with an iron bar after it had been charged for blasting, when the explosion took place. When taken from the well, his skull was found to be badly fractured, one of his eyes blown out, and one of his hands badly lacerated. Although alive yesterday morning, faint hopes were entertained of his recovery. Mr. Hall is a very respectable man, and has a wife and four children. —*Prov. Journal.*

ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FRUSTRATED.—A man named Hamblin, of Troy, a contractor upon the canal enlargement near Little Falls, had received money upon his contract, and is said to have absconded with the view of cheating the laborers in his employ out of their wages. A lawyer was deputed to pursue and arrest him; and having overtaken and secured him, locked him in a room in the third story of Given's Hotel in this city. About 11 o'clock at night he attempted to escape, by tying together the bed clothes in the room, and letting himself down outside. He had just got under way, when his "rope" broke, and tumbled to the ground, breaking one of his thighs, and a leg in two places. —*Schenectady Cabinet.*

THE CHOLERA.—We occasionally hear of a death or two among the negroes, and often of mild attacks or strong symptoms of the disease among all classes of our citizens, but it is rarely the case that any white person dies from an attack of this kind. Negroes who have died of the complaint have usually neglected for a day or two, to report themselves sick. The epidemic thus far seems to have groped

THE NEWPORT MERCURY, SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1849.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1849.

We are indebted to Hon. J. H. Clarke, of the Senate, and Hon. R. B. Cranston, of the House, for valuable Public Documents.

FREE SOIL NOMINATIONS.—The Free Soil Conventions met in Providence on Thursday. The following State ticket was nominated: For Governor, Edward Harris; for Lieutenant Governor, Jacob Babcock; for Secretary of State, Samuel R. Jackson; for Attorney General, Charles Hart; for General Treasurer, Daniel Carr. For Congress—Eastern District, John Boyden, Jr.; Western District, Lauriston Hall.

FIFTH OF MARCH.—We learn that PROTECTION Engine Company, No. 5, will parade on the evening of the 5th inst., with torches, a Band of Music, &c. They are to escort ROUGH & READY Company, No. 2, through the principal streets, to the Hall of Protection Company, from which place, at 9 o'clock, should the weather be favorable, there will be an ascension of several Balloons, the largest measuring 18 feet in circumference.

BROTHER JONATHAN.—This Mammoth Sheet has been received by TILLEY. Among other things, it contains a representation of Gen. Taylor in presence of a large audience, delivering his Inaugural Address on the 5th of March next.

JUDGE McHENRY.—of the First District Court, New Orleans, has ordered the clerk to be committed for contempt, in refusing to deliver certain money which was placed in his hands to await the issue of proceedings. The reason assigned by the clerk was that attachments had been issued to a larger amount than the sum in his keeping.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

SARTAIN'S UNION MAGAZINE.—The March number of this beautiful periodical is before us; and we must be permitted to say, that in the number and richness of its embellishments, the interest of its contents, and the elegance of its typographical execution, it will stand side by side, unblushingly, with the best periodicals in the country.

We hope its popularity will be such as to reward the publishers for the expense they have lavished on it.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE for February, has been received. Its contents are:

Caucasus and the Cossacks; The Customs Part X; Statistical Accounts of Scotland; the Poetry of Sacred and Legendary Art; American Thoughts on European Revolutions; Dalmatia and Montenegro; Modern Biography.—Beattie's Life of Campbell; The English Universities and their Reforms; The Covenanters' Night-Hymn. By Delta; the Carlists in Catalonia.

HAND BOOK OF KNITTING AND NETTING.—We have just received one of these neat and tasteful little books. Every lady in the land should have one of them in her work box, as the price is only 25 cents. Geo. S. Appleton, of Philadelphia, is the Publisher. See advertisement.

CROCHET SAMPLER.—This is a very useful book for the Ladies, containing directions for every kind of fashionable fancy work, &c. It is from the same Publisher.

Mrs. Lydia Fitch, of Bedford, Mass., died on the 29th ult., of lockjaw, occasioned by running a needle into her foot, the depth of about one-eighth of an inch.

SENTENCE.—Wood, who killed Sheriff Farnum, while the latter was endeavoring to arrest him for horse-stealing in Michigan, has been sentenced to fifteen years in the State Prison.

A lady on board the steamship Northern, during its late passage from Charlestown to New York, fell through the hatchway on the boiler, and was so badly burned that she survived the accident but a few hours.

BOSTON COURIER.

BRIGHTON MARKET, Thursday, March 1st.

At market during the week, 575 Beef Cattle, 250 Sheep and 800 Swine.

PRICES.

Beef Cattle.—Extra \$6 75; First quality \$6 25 a \$5; second \$5 50 a \$6; third \$5.

Sheep.—Sales Western stalled \$2 50 a 7 20 per head, as in quality; Northern 1 55 a \$3 50 per head.

Swine.—At wholesale for New York Hogs 5c; Ohio Hogs at wholesale 4 1/2c; At Retail 5 a 6 1/2.

DEATHS.

In this town on Sunday evening last, SARAH WALLACE, youngest child and only daughter of Mr. David J. Gould, aged 15 mos. and 13 days. In this town on Monday, ABRAHAM BELL, aged 22 years.

In this town, same day, Mr. JESSE DUNHAM, in the 82d year of his age. For more than 40 years one of the constables of this town.

In this town, this morning, Miss HARRIET HOLT, eldest daughter of Mr. Henry Holt.

Same time, after a lingering illness, Mr. HANSON HULL, Collector of Taxes.

In Middletown, on Tuesday morning last, Mrs. PATIENCE IRISH, widow of the late George Irish, Esq., in the 78th year of her age.

In Springfield, on the 21st inst., Mrs. ANN VAILL, wife of Dr. H. R. Vaille, of that place, and daughter of Rev. B. H. Pitman, formerly of this town, aged 35 years.

In Somers, on Tuesday the 20th, Mrs. SUSAN B., wife of Mr. Daniel Chace, and daughter of the late Alexis Menage of Barrington, R. I. (formerly of this town,) in the 23d year of her age.

In Providence on the 25th ult., Mrs. SALLY GREENMAN, wife of the late John Greenman, in the 77th year of her age; 24th, Miss ANN SARAH COLE, daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Cole, aged 22 years.

In North Providence on the 27th, SAMUEL B. MCKEEFORD, Esq., in the 59th year of his age.

BAD FOR BOOTS.—The rum drinkers in this vicinity have hit upon a new method to evade the scrutiny of their teetotal friends. They are frequently seen with a pair of old boots in their hands, as if bound to St. Crispin's for repairs; but on examination, the boots aforesaid contain each a bottle, filled or to be filled, with the genuine inspiration. In this instance we can't say "go to boots."—Woonsocket Patriot.

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THE NEWPORT MERCURY, ESTABLISHED A.D. 1758.

Court of Probate, of the town of Newport, holden Feb. 5, 1849.

ELIZA CARR, Executrix of Elizabeth Phillips Carr, late of Newport, single woman, dec., presents her first account on said estate for allowance.

The same is referred for consideration to a Court of Probate, to be holden at the Town Hall in Newport, on the first Monday in March next, at 9 o'clock, a. m., and notice is ordered to be given, by advertisement for three successive weeks in the *Newport Mercury*, that all persons interested may appear at said time and place, if they see fit, and be heard.

B. B. HOWLAND, Probate Clerk.

Court of Probate, Newport, holden Feb. 5, 1849.

ELIZA STANFORD, Guardian of Louisa B. Stanford, a minor daughter of Sylvanus Stanford, late of Newport, dec., presents her guardianship account on the estate of her ward to allowance, and also presents her 2d Administration account on the estate of said Sylvanus Stanford, for allowance.

It is ordered that the same be received and the consideration thereof referred to a Court of Probate to be holden at the Town Hall in Newport, on the first Monday of March next, at 9 o'clock A. M., and that previous notice be given thereof by publishing a copy of this order 3 successive weeks in the *Newport Mercury*, for all persons interested to appear at said time and place and be heard.

B. B. HOWLAND, Probate Clerk.

Court of Probate, Newport, holden Feb. 5, 1849.

JOSEPH CASE, administrator of Elisha Case, presents his 2d account on said estate for allowance.

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Court of Probate, Newport, holden February 5.

HARRIET FOWLER, guardian of her children, Harriet B. Fowler, and Sibyl A. Fowler, children of Thomas Fowler, late of Newport, dec., presents her guardianship account on the estates of said wards for allowance.

The same is read, received, and referred for consideration to a Court of Probate to be holden at the Town Hall in Newport, on the first Monday in March next, at 9 o'clock, a. m., and notice is ordered to be given thereof by advertisement for 3 successive weeks in the *Newport Mercury*, that all persons interested, may appear at said time and place and be heard.

B. B. HOWLAND, Probate Clerk.

Court of Probate, Newport, holden Feb. 5, 1849.

UPON the application of Susan M. Townsend, widow, praying that William C. Townsend, or some other suitable person, may be appointed Administrator on the estate of

THOMAS TOWNSEND,

late of Newport, dec., intestate.

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Court of Probate, Newport, holden Feb. 5, 1849.

P. REMINGTON, Guardian of Joseph M. Münford, of said Newport, a minor, son of Richard B. Münford, presents his guardianship account on his estate for allowance.

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